



**GRANT RECIPIENT**  
DNR DIVISION OF STATE  
PARKS AND RESERVOIRS

**YEAR**  
2009

**COUNTY**  
PORTER

**CATEGORY**  
LOW COST CONSTRUCTION

**GRANT AWARD**  
\$7,715

**LOCAL SHARE**  
\$7,715



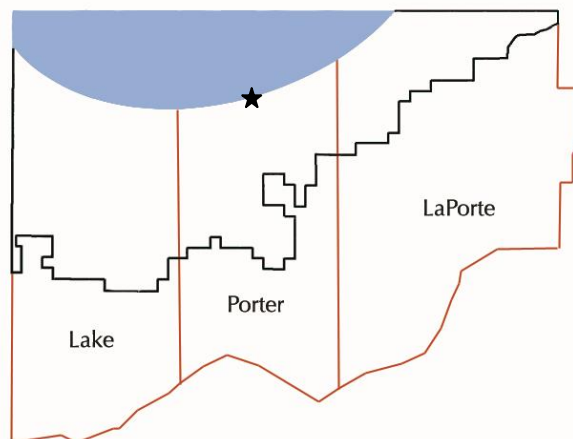
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## Indiana Dunes State Park Biodiversity Restoration

The Biodiversity Restoration Project at Indiana Dunes State Park had been continuing work in accomplishing the implementation of the 2005-2010 Natural Resource Management Plan (NRMP). The focus from 2006-2009 had been primarily on the eradication of herbaceous and woody invasive species such as oriental bittersweet (*Celastrus orbiculata*), bush honeysuckles (*Lonicera* spp.), Japanese barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*), privet (*Ligustrum* spp.), and garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*) per the NRMP. The increased focus per the NRMP is to monitor populations during the treatment process (pre and post eradication).

Other tasks included those identified in the NRMP, such as: mapping invasive populations, program measurement and documentation, and fire break construction for protection of infrastructure. The Biodiversity Restoration Project also included two 90 day stewardship positions and materials such as herbicides, surfactants, and prescribed fire equipment.



**RESULT:** Monitor native and invasive populations during the treatment process at IDSP and other NRMP practices.